REMARKS

Claims 21-35 remain pending in this application and stand allowed.

Claims 36-39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Thorton (US Patent 5,917,906) in view of Lin (US Patent 5,635,927). Claims 36-39 are herby cancelled.

An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly requested. If any fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the Examiner is authorized to deduct such fees from deposit account no. 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the attorney docket number (119065-30) on the account statement.

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